

OSV is small or particular circumstances warrant and if the OCMI approves.

(b) Each stateroom notice, directional sign, and the like must be printed in English and in other languages appropriate to the service of the OSV.

(c) Where this subpart specifies red letters, letters of a contrasting color on a red background are acceptable.

§ 131.805 General alarm bell, switch.

The switch in the pilothouse that activates the general alarm bell must be clearly and permanently identified either by letters on a metal plate or with a sign in red letters on a suitable background: "GENERAL ALARM."

§ 131.810 General alarm bell.

Each general alarm bell must be identified by red letters at least ½-inch high: "GENERAL ALARM—WHEN BELL RINGS GO TO YOUR STATION."

§ 131.815 Alarm for fixed gaseous fire extinguishing system.

Each alarm for a fixed gaseous fire extinguishing system must be conspicuously identified: "WHEN ALARM SOUNDS, LEAVE AT ONCE: [CARBON DIOXIDE] [HALON] BEING RELEASED."

§ 131.820 Branch lines of fire extinguishing system.

The valves of each branch line in the fire extinguishing system must be plainly and permanently marked, indicating the spaces served.

§ 131.825 Controls of fire extinguishing system.

Each control cabinet or space containing a valve or manifold for a fire extinguishing system must be distinctly marked in conspicuous red letters at least 2 inches high: "FIRE APPARATUS FOR [CARBON DIOXIDE] [HALON]".

§ 131.830 Fire-hose stations.

Each fire station must be identified in red letters and figures at least 2 inches high: "FIRE STATION #1," "2," "3," and so on. Where the hose is not so stowed in the open or behind glass as to be readily seen, this

identification must be so placed as to be readily seen from a distance.

§ 131.835 Portable fire extinguishers.

(a) Except as provided by paragraph (b) of this section, each portable fire extinguisher must be marked with a number, and the site of its stowage must be marked with a corresponding number at least ½-inch high.

(b) If only one type and size of portable fire extinguisher is carried, the number may be omitted.

§ 131.840 Emergency lighting.

Emergency lighting must be marked with a letter "E" at least ½-inch high.

§ 131.845 Instructions for shift of steering gear.

(a) Instructions, including diagrams, for a shift of steering gear and for a shift to the alternative steering stations must be on water-resistant material and posted at each steering station and in the steering-engine room, relating, in order, the different steps to take in either shift.

(b) The instructions must indicate each clutch or pin to be "in" or "out" and each valve or switch to be "open" or "closed" in a shift to any means of steering for which the OSV is equipped.

(c) The instructions must specify that each steering wheel or lever, and each rudder, must be amidships before any shift of steering gear or steering stations.

(d) Each clutch, gear, wheel, lever, valve, or switch used during any shift of steering gear or steering stations must be numbered or lettered on a metal plate or painted so that the numbers or letters are recognizable at a reasonable distance.

§ 131.850 Rudder orders.

At each steering station there must be installed a suitable notice on the wheel or lever, or in some other place directly in the helmsman's line of sight, to indicate the direction in which to turn the wheel or lever for "right rudder" and for "left rudder."

§ 131.855 Lifeboats and rescue boats.

(a) The following must be plainly marked or painted on each side of the bow of each lifeboat and rescue boat in

letters and numbers at least 3 inches high and in a color contrasting to that of the boat:

- (1) The name of the OSV.
- (2) The number of the boat. (The boats on each side of the vessel must be numbered from forward to aft. If there are boats on both sides of the vessel, the odd numbers must be on the starboard side.)
- (3) For each vessel in ocean service, the name of the port whose marking on the stern is required under subpart 67.13 of this chapter.
- (b) The following must be plainly marked or painted on each side of the bow of each lifeboat and rescue boat in letters and numbers at least 1½ inches high:
 - (1) The length and beam of the boat.
 - (2) The number of persons the boat will hold. This number must—
 - (i) Be the number of persons the boat is equipped for; and
 - (ii) Not be greater than the number of persons the boat is approved for, as shown on its nameplate.
 - (c) The following must be plainly marked or painted on each lifeboat and rescue boat, in at least two places visible from above the boat, in letters and numbers at least 3 inches high and in a color contrasting to that of the boat:
 - (1) The number of persons the boat will hold.
 - (2) The name of the OSV.
 - (d) The name of the OSV must be plainly marked or painted on each oar and paddle.
 - (e) Each lifeboat and rescue boat must be marked with Type II retro-reflective material approved under subpart 164.018 of this chapter. The arrangement of the retro-reflective material must comply with IMO Resolution A.658(16).

§ 131.860 Rigid liferafts.

- (a) The following must be plainly marked or painted, near one entrance of each rigid liferaft, in letters and numbers at least 3 inches high and in a color contrasting to that of the raft:
 - (1) The name of the OSV.
 - (2) The number of the raft. (Rafts stowed on the sides of the vessel must be numbered as lifeboats must under § 131.855(a)(2).)

(3) For each vessel in ocean service, the name of the port whose marking on the stern of the vessel is required by subpart 67.13 of this chapter.

(b) The length of the painter must be plainly marked or painted, near one entrance of each rigid liferaft, in letters and numbers at least 1½ inches high and in a color contrasting to that of the raft.

(c) The number of persons the rigid liferaft is approved for must be plainly marked or painted, over each entrance to each raft, in letters and numbers at least 4 inches high and in a color contrasting to that of the raft. This number must—

- (1) Be the number of persons the raft is equipped for; and
- (2) Not be greater than the number of persons the raft is approved for, as shown on its nameplate.
- (d) The name of the OSV must be plainly marked or painted on each paddle.

§ 131.865 Inflatable liferafts and inflatable buoyant apparatus.

The number of the inflatable liferaft or inflatable buoyant apparatus and the number of persons it is approved for must be marked or painted, in a conspicuous place in the immediate vicinity of each raft and each apparatus, in letters and numbers at least 1½ inches high and in a color contrasting to that of the raft or apparatus. Each raft or apparatus stowed on the side of an OSV must be numbered like a liferaft, in compliance with § 97.37–40 of this chapter. No letters or numbers may go on the raft or on the container of the apparatus.

§ 131.870 Life floats and buoyant apparatus.

- (a) The name of the OSV must be plainly marked or painted on each life float or buoyant apparatus, and on each oar and paddle.
- (b) The number of persons each life float or buoyant apparatus is approved for must be plainly marked or painted on each float or apparatus in letters and numbers at least 1½ inches high and in a color contrasting to that of the float or apparatus. This number must—